State of Nebraska

HHSR&L Credentialing Division PO Box 94986 (301 Centennial Mall South) Lincoln, NE 68509 (phone): 402-471-2117 (fax): 402-471-3577 PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

The EPPP computer administration began April 18, 2001, at three Prometric test sites in Nebraska (Omaha, Lincoln, and Columbus). Therefore, this office will no longer administer the EPPP test in Lincoln in conjunction with administration of the Board-developed examination.

However, in order to be licensed as a psychologist in Nebraska, you must still successfully pass the Board-developed examination with 80%. Such examination is administered in two parts. The first part of the examination is written and will be sent to you for completion at home. The second part of the examination is Oral, for which you will appear before the Board of Psychologists, who will randomly pick 5 questions from the open-book examination, for your responses.

To be eligible to take the National Standardized Examination and Board-Developed Examination, all candidates must have graduated with a doctoral degree from a program of graduate study in professional psychology, and have completed at least a 1 year clinical internship, both of which must meet the standards of accreditation adopted by the American Psychological Association (APA). In addition, the applicant must submit <u>either</u> an application for full licensure in the State of Nebraska, OR hold an active Provisional License as a Psychologist.

A. EPPP - COMPUTERIZED ADMINISTRATION

The Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) consists of 200 multiple-choice questions covering knowledge essential to the professional practice of psychology. Each form of the examination contains 200 items. Each item has four suggested answers, only <u>one</u> of which is correct. A summary of the content outline for the examination, can be found in the enclosed ASPPB Information for Candidates publication.

In order to take the EPPP examination by computer, in addition to the application for licensure, you will also complete a scannable application. All applications will be forwarded by our office to the testing service approximately the middle of each month, who in turn, will send you an "authorization-to-test" letter. This letter will provide directions to schedule your appointment to take the computer administration of the EPPP examination. You will call a toll-free number to reach the testing site; once connected, you will have the opportunity to schedule an appointment to test and to pay a \$65.00 test administration fee to Prometric (this is in addition to the examination fee). You have a 60 day window of eligibility in which to schedule your test. If you do not sit within these 60 days, you will be removed from the eligibility list and will be required to begin the application process again (scannable application). There are no exceptions to this policy – you may reschedule up to 48 hours before your appointment.

Scores will be reported to the Nebraska Psychology Board on a monthly basis – no scores will be received the day of testing. Upon receipt, we will forward your score report.

If a retake is necessary due to failure of an examination, you must notify this office and request another scannable application. You must wait at least 60 days from your most recent test date before an appointment to test will be scheduled.

Procedure to Apply for the EPPP Examination. You must submit the following:

- 1. A completed application for a license to practice Psychology in Nebraska, (enclosed if appropriate);
- 2. The lavender and white scannable application entitled 'Application for Computerized Testing for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology' (enclosed). When completing this application, be sure to indicate that the examination you are applying for is "EPPP ONLY"; and
- 3. The appropriate examination fee.

To assist you in completing these applications, enclosed are:



Type of Document

- Memorandum outlining the licensing requirements
- Instructions for completing the Application for computerized testing for the EPPP
- Questions and Answers about the Computer-based Administration of the EPPP
- United States and Canadian Psychology Doctoral Program Codes
- Addendum A
- Application for the Practice Examination in Psychology

Location. Prometric Test sites in:

COLUMBUS	LINCOLN	OMAHA
2620 23RD STREET	5715 SOUTH 34TH ST	13304 W CENTER RD
COLUMBUS, NE 68601	SUITE 300	STE #230
(402)564-2862	LINCOLN, NE 68516	OMAHA, NE 68144
	(402) 465-8800	(402)334-9449

Examination Cost. \$450.00 exam fee – made payable to 'P.E.S.' (In addition to the examination fee, you will also pay a \$65.00 test administration fee directly to PROMETRIC – do not send this fee to the Credentialing Division)

<u>Scoring Criteria.</u> The Nebraska passing score requirement for the National Standardized Examination shall be a minimum score of seventy percent (70% OR Scaled Score of 500) or the national mean for all doctoral candidates, whichever is lower.

Available Publications. In addition to the enclosed Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) "Information for Candidates" publication, other materials relative to the National Standardized Examination may be obtained through the following addresses:

ASPPB OR Professional Examination Service

P. O. Box 4389 111 8th Avenue Montgomery, AL 36103 New York, NY 10011

Telephone #: (334) 832-4580 Telephone #: (212) 367-4200

B. BOARD-DEVELOPED EXAMINATION - Paper & Pencil Administration



The Board-Developed Examination consists of 106 multiple-choice questions, covering knowledge relative to: Counseling Psychology; Industrial/ Organizational Psychology; School Psychology; Ethics; Nebraska Statutes, Rules and Regulations; Federal Requirements; Professional and Sexual Relationships; Advertisements; and Research.

The examination will additionally test general knowledge gained in Psychology programs which includes, but is not limited to the following areas:

- Child Abuse
- Use of human subjects in research
- Dangerousness
- Dual Relationships
- Institutional Review Board

The Board recommends review of the Nebraska Statutes, Rules and Regulations Relating to Psychology, the American Psychological Association (APA) Ethical standards, and Federal Statutes that govern Psychology.

Procedure to Apply for the Board-developed Examination. You must:

- 1. Have submitted (or submit) a completed application for a license to practice Psychology in Nebraska; and
- 2. Complete the enclosed application for the Psychology Board-developed Examination (blue colored document), and identify on the application which date you wish to test.

Examination Dates.

Oral Examinations for the year 2005 will be administered 4 times. Deadline for application submission is the first Monday of the month you wish to test. The examination will begin at 10:00 a.m.

April	July	September	November
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Application Deadline. The first Monday of the Month you wish to test.

Time.

Begin: 10:00 a.m. End: 12:30 p.m.

<u>Location.</u> All Board-developed oral examinations will be administered in Lincoln, at the State Office Building (specific room locations will be forwarded upon receipt of your completed application for the psychology Board-developed examination).

In order to be admitted to the board-developed examination, all applicants are required to bring the following:

- 1 form of photo identification with a signature affixed, such as a driver's license.
- The Admission Letter (mailed to candidates by the Credentialing Division at least 10 days prior to the examination)

Cost. No additional fee charged

Examination Results. Results from the Board-developed Examination will be at the conclusion of the board meeting. Upon grading of the examination, you will be afforded an opportunity to review any questions you may have incorrectly answered.

<u>Scoring Criteria.</u> The passing score on the Board-Developed examination will be eighty percent (80%) or above.

Questions, please contact Cindy Kelley at 402-471-4905